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Delheim Estate Vera Cruz Pinotage 2019, Stellenbosch

Grower

Delheim is owned by the Sperling family. The late Michael Hans “Spatz” Sperling, was the Patriarch and also a South African wine industry legend. His wife Vera still resides on the farm. Eldest son Victor Sperling and eldest daughter Nora Sperling-Thiel serve as Directors of the company and live on the farm with their families.

Vineyards

Block name: Protea. Size: 1.9 ha. Planted: 1996. Soil: Oakleaf profile (mainly decomposed granite and clay). Slope: South-West facing. Height above sea level: 240m.

Winery Philosophy

We believe that we are the custodians of this land, and that we must tread lightly in order to minimise the impact we have on it. We strive to gain a sense of timelessness (allow our vineyards to grow old) and tell stories in our wines, but if we want to achieve that, we need one eye on the future. In everything we do, we seek longevity and sustainability.

Winemaker

Roelof Lotriet.

Vinification

The grapes are selected from the best block of Pinotage. The first sorting is done in the vineyards by only picking the best quality bunches. Harvesting is done early morning to keep the grapes as cold as possible before being processed. On arrival at the cellar the grapes are inspected again to ensure quality. It is then de-stemmed and crushed into open top fermenters. The juice was allowed to start natural fermentation at a low temperature and after a day inoculated with a selected yeast strain. Fermentation was done at 26°C. A combination of pump-overs and punch-downs were done for extraction. The wine spent 18 months in 300L and 500L French oak barrels, of which 35% was 1st fill barrels.

Country :	South Africa
Grape Variety :	Pinotage 100%
Closure :	Cork
Cellar Potential :	10 years
Residual Sugar :	1.2 g
Alcohol :	14.5%
Bottle Size :	75 cl
Case Size :	6
Vegan :	Yes
Vegetarian :	Yes
Case Barcode :	16002083001043

Tasting Notes

Deep crimson colour with the nose showing ripe dark fruit, integrated vanilla and toffee notes and with a touch of spice. The palate shows juicy red fruit held together by fine silky soft tannins with a long finish.

Awards

Top 10 Absa Pinotage Winner 2020 :	2016 vintage
Tim Atkin SA 2020 Report :	95 points - 2017 vintage
John Platter Guide :	5 Stars - 2017 vintage

Website

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